

**STATE PLANNING COUNCIL  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

May 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.  
Department of Administration  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**I. ATTENDANCE**

**1. Members Present**

Ms. Fran Shocket, Chair  
Mr. Everett Stuart, Vice Chair  
Mr. Corey Bobba

Ms. Meredith Brady  
Mr. John Flaherty  
Mr. Ronald Gagnon  
Mr. Jonathan Harris  
Ms. Joelle Kanter

Ms. Eliza Lawson  
Mr. George Monaghan  
Ms. Lillian Picchione

Mr. Timothy Scanlon  
Ms. Pam Sherrill

Public Member  
RI Association of Railroad Passengers  
Federal Highway Administration, Advisory  
Member  
RI Department of Transportation  
Grow Smart RI  
RI Department of Environmental Management  
Sierra Club  
Representing Mr. Dan Baudouin, Providence  
Foundation  
RI Department of Health  
RI Consulting Engineers (RICE)  
Representing Amy Pettine, RI Public Transit  
Authority  
Construction Industries of Rhode Island  
RI Chapter, APA

**2. Members Absent**

Mr. Lloyd Albert  
Mr. Alan Brodd  
Mr. Michael Cassidy  
Mr. Richard Crenca  
Dr. Judith Drew  
Mr. David Everett  
Ms. Bari Freeman  
Mr. Chris Maxwell  
Mr. Daniel Porter  
Mrs. Dinalyn Spears  
Mr. Michael Walker  
Mr. Michael Wood

AAA Southern New England  
City of Woonsocket  
Public Member  
City of Warwick  
Governor's Commission on Disabilities  
City of Providence  
Bike Newport  
RI Truckers Association  
RI Airport Corporation  
Narragansett Indian Tribe  
RI Commerce Corporation  
Town of Burrillville / RI League of Cities and Towns

**3. Statewide Planning Staff Present**

Ms. Karen Scott  
Ms. Kimberly Crabill

Assistant Chief  
Executive Assistant

**4. Guests Present**

Grant Dulgarian  
Kevin Viveiros

Ecology Action for RI  
Pare Corporation

## **II. Agenda Items**

### **1. Call to Order**

At 6:42 p.m. Chairman Shocket noted that a quorum of the membership was not present, therefore, no action could be taken. Agenda items were discussed for information only.

### **2. Approval of April 23, 2015 Minutes – *for action***

Approval of minutes was delayed until next meeting.

### **3. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Chairman Shocket asked if there were any comments on the agenda items. No comments made.

### **4. FY 2016 Unified Transportation Planning Work Program**

- **RISPP Staff Presentation – for action**

Ms. Karen Scott outlined the current information, the changes that were made, and the financial information, and appendixes that were added in the Unified Planning Work Program. See attached document for more details.

Ms. Karen Scott explained that this is on the agenda for action but explained that since we did not have a quorum there could be no vote.

Chairman Shocket opened the discussion to TAC members.

Ms. Sherrill asked if project 15.3 Travel Demand Model includes the INRIX data? Ms. Scott responded that it did. Ms. Sherrill also asked if a consultant came with the cost of the INRIX/VPP software suite? Ms. Scott responded that the University of Maryland hosts the project suite for the 95 Corridor Coalition and they are the lead, so there is no consultant.

Ms. Kanter asked if the pricing was similar to that in the past. Ms. Scott responded that in the past we received these services through a grant so we did not pay for it.

Mr. Flaherty asked who gets billed for the INRIX data? Ms. Scott responded that we split the cost with RIDOT.

Mr. Harris pointed out the project sheets on the watershed plan, the biking plan, and the planning guide book and asked if these things are going to be interrelated? Ms. Scott responded that yes they are completely interrelated. Ms. Scott responded that they are all elements of the state guide plan.

Mr. Harris also asked why there is such a span between the East Bay Corridor study and the Aquidneck Island Corridor Study. Ms. Scott responded that various project managers were out on leave which pushed some of the projects back.

Ms. Sherrill asked Ms. Scott to clarify the East Bay Corridor towns which she did.

Chairman Shocket asked if there were any other comments from the committee, having none, Chairman Socket moved to the next item on the agenda.

## **5. Staff Report – *for information***

Ms. Scott made the following report:

SPP has kicked off the Freight Goods Movement Plan, and hired HDR Engineering as the major consultant. HDR has completed a draft of the economic context chapter, they are near completion of the commodity flows, and they are also finishing a draft of public comments.

SPP is working on a major update to the Travel Demand Model by adding a rail component to the Travel Demand Model which we never had before. This includes significant land use forecasting.

Ms. Kanter asked if Ms. Scott had any general estimates that she could share about 2040? Ms. Scott responded that the estimates are based on historic growth, populations, and households. The model focuses on driving patterns- where people live and where they drive – so for the model it is less about how many people/jobs and more about their distribution over the state.

Mr. Harris asked if we get average trip distances on the Travel Demand Model? Ms. Scott responded that we generally do not have specific origin and destination data so we depend on the algorithms within the model to compute estimated trips.

Ms. Lawson asked if the model also looks at commute by walking and biking or is it only vehicles? Ms. Scott responded that those modes are so small right now that they are hard to quantify but as they grow we may be able to add them in the future.

## **6. Additional Public Comment**

Mr. Grant Dulgarian, Ecology Action for Rhode Island, asked about funding for the Streetcar Project.

Mr. Dulgarian stated that the article he read stated, \$57 million for the city and \$29 million for the state, and \$3.5 million from RIPTA. He was wondering where the 29 million from the state was coming from.

Mr. Dulgarian asked what the proposed cost would be for each streetcar. Ms. Shocket responded that that information had not come before the TAC. Ms. Scott responded that Mr. Dulgarian could call her directly and she would put him in touch with the correct people to answer his questions.

Mr. Dulgarian asked about the new proposal announced by the Governor yesterday regarding heavy vehicle user fees.

Mr. Dulgarian asked why a bond was being proposed for the heavy vehicle user fee with all of the money the increased registration fees would make. Chairman Shocket responded that the TAC had not been briefed on this issue.

Mr. Dulgarian asked about the total cost of the 6/10 connector. Mr. Dulgarian also asked how long it would take for the project to be completed.

Chairman Shocket asked if there were any more public comments. There were none.

**7. Announcements – *for discussion***

Chairman Shocket asked if there were any announcements to share. There were none.

**8. Adjournment**

Discussion ended at 7:14 p.m.